

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

January 4, 2016

Executive Session

The following Council Members answered roll call. President Joe Gibson, Mayor Pat Hale, Carrie Arblaster, Katie Berbach, John Kessler, Tom Merritt and Matt Owen. President Gibson informed everyone Council will be entering Executive Session for the purpose to consider the appointment of a public official. To include all members of Council. Mr. Kessler moved to enter Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried. Council entered Executive Session at 7:03 pm. Council returned from Executive Session at 7:32 pm. Mr. Kessler moved to return from Executive Session. Ms. Berbach seconded. Motion carried.

Council Meeting

City Staff in attendance include: City Manager Tim Eggleston, Law Director David Caldwell, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Police Chief Eric Burris, Fire Chief Steve Kessler and Clerk of Council Janice Bates.

Guests signing the register include: Tyler Starline, Glenn Otto, Thomas Chaney, Mike McFarland, Elizabeth Gutmann, Anita Dotson, Hannah Merritt, Tammy Merritt, Emily Stork, Heather Bailey, Janice Smith, Lisa Santvcci, Genevieve Roberts, Pamela Hale, Heather Wendel and Mike McDermott. Reporters Carla Ungerecht, Nancy Bowman and Cecilia Fox were also in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Jeff Seekins from Community Bible Church gave the Prayer for Guidance. President Gibson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Council Members

John Kessler was sworn in by Judge Elizabeth S. Gutmann.

Carrie Arblaster was sworn in by Judge Elizabeth S. Gutmann.

Tom Merritt was sworn in by Judge Elizabeth S. Gutmann.

Council Reorganization Election of Mayor

Mr. Kessler nominated Pat Hale. Ms. Berbach seconded. President Gibson stated all Council Members had been afforded the opportunity to make any nominations, the floor is now closed for nominations. A vote was taken on the nomination of Mr. Hale as Mayor. Vote was 6-0-1. Mr. Hale abstained.

Council Reorganization Election of President

Mayor Hale nominated Joe Gibson. Ms. Berbach seconded. President Gibson stated all Council Members had been afforded the opportunity to make any nominations, the floor is now closed for nominations. A vote was taken for Mr. Gibson as Council President. Vote was 6-0-1. Mr. Gibson abstained.

Swearing in of Mayor

Pat Hale was sworn in by Law Director David J. Caldwell.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kessler moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Owen seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes
12/21/15 Pre Meeting
Work Session**

Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Pre-Meeting Work Session. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried 5-0-2. Ms. Arblaster and Mr. Merritt abstained.

12/21/15 Council Meeting	Ms. Berbach moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Council Meeting. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried 5-0-2. Ms. Arblaster and Mr. Merritt abstained.
Presentations, Proclamations, & Awards	There were none.
Ordinances (2nd Reading)	There were none.
Resolutions	There were none.
Ordinances (1st Reading)	<p>An ordinance to amend the zoning code and map attached thereto by changing the zoning of PT IL 428 and part of a vacated alley located at 15 North Hyatt Street from General Business (GB) to two family residential (R2) zoning classification.</p> <p>City Manager Comments: At the December 21st Council Meeting, Council approved a motion setting a public hearing for January 19th to hear public comments regarding the request of the property owner to rezone the property located at 15 N. Hyatt Street. The Planning Board has reviewed the request and has recommended the request be approved. Staff is asking the ordinance be introduced tonight, so that the second reading will coincide with the public hearing.</p> <p>Mr. Kessler introduced the ordinance.</p>
Motions Board & Commission Appointments – Board of Tax Appeals	<p>A motion to make two appointments to the Board of Tax Appeals for two year terms expiring December 31, 2017. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Ms. Berbach nominated Robert Blakey. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. A vote was taken on Mr. Blakey’s nomination. His appointment was unanimous.</p>
Board of Zoning Appeals	<p>A motion to make one appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals for three year term expiring December 31, 2018. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mr. Kessler nominated Mark Hartman. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. A vote was taken on Mr. Hartman’s nomination. His appointment was unanimous.</p>
Board of Zoning Appeals	<p>A motion to make one appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals filing an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2017. This appointment remains vacant due to lack of applicants.</p>
Parks Advisory Board	<p>A motion to make three appointments to the Parks Advisory Board for four year terms ending December 31, 2019. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Ms. Berbach nominated Douglas Chitwood. Mayor Hale nominated Douglas Slagle. Mr. Owen nominated Patrick Hodges. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President</p>

Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations as a slate. Motion carried 7-0.

Planning Board

A motion to make one appointment to the Planning Board filing an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2016. This appointment remains vacant due to lack of applicants.

Restoration Board

A motion to make three appointments to the Restoration Board for three year terms expiring December 31, 2018. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mr. Kessler nominated Joel Gruber. Ms. Berbach nominated Ralph Brown. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations as a slate. Motion carried 7-0.

Restoration Board

A motion to make one appointment to the Restoration Board filing an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2017. This appointment remains vacant due to lack of applicants.

Tree Board

A motion to make one appointment to the Tree Board for three year term expiring December 31, 2018. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Ms. Berbach nominated Thomas DeRoss. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. A vote was taken on Mr. DeRoss' nomination. Motion carried 7-0.

Economic Development Committee

A motion to appoint three councilmembers plus three (3) staff members to the Economic Development Committee for one year terms ending on December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mayor Hale nominated Tom Merritt. Ms. Berbach nominated Matt Owen. Mr. Owen nominated John Kessler. President Gibson nominated Tim Eggleston. Mr. Kessler nominated John Green. Ms. Berbach nominated Brad Vath. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations as a slate. A vote was taken on the slate of nominations. Motion carried.

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission & Transportation Committee

A motion to make appointments to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission & Transportation Committee as a representative (Councilmember) and alternate (Councilmember or Staff) for one year terms ending on December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mr. Kessler nominated Ms. Berbach as the representative. Mayor Hale nominated Ms. Arblaster as the alternate. A vote was taken on Ms. Berbach's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous. A vote was taken on Ms. Arblaster's nomination. Her appointment was unanimous.

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Technical Advisory Committee

A motion to make appointments to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Technical Advisory Committee as a representative (Staff) and alternate (Staff) for one year terms ending December 31, 2016. Mr. Owen nominated John Donnelly as the representative. Ms. Berbach nominated Brad Vath as the alternate. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been

afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. A vote was taken on the nominations. Both appointments were unanimous.

Volunteer Fireman's
Dependent Board

A motion to appoint two (2) Councilmembers to the Tipp City Volunteer Fireman's Dependent Board for a one year term ending on December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mr. Kessler nominated Katelyn Berbach as the representative. Ms. Berbach nominated Tom Merritt as the alternate. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations. Both appointments were unanimous.

Tipp-Monroe
Community Services

A motion to appoint one (1) Councilmember as representative and one (1) as alternate to the Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc. Advisory Board for one year terms expiring on December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mayor Hale nominated John Kessler as the representative. Mr. Kessler nominated Katelyn Berbach as the alternate. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations. Both appointments were unanimous.

Tax Incentive Review

A motion to make two (2) appointments to the Tipp City Tax Incentive Review Council for one year terms ending on December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mr. Kessler nominated Brad Vath. Ms. Berbach nominated John Green. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations. Both appointments were unanimous.

Tipp Improvement
Corporation Board

A motion to appoint all Councilmembers plus four (4) staff members to the Tipp Improvement Corporation Board for one year terms ending on December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mr. Kessler nominated all Council Members. Ms. Berbach nominated Tim Eggleston. Mr. Owen nominated David Caldwell. President Gibson nominated John Green. Mayor Hale nominated John Donnelly. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations. All appointments were unanimous.

OMEA Board

A motion to appoint one (1) Councilmember as a representative to the OMEA Board and one (1) staff member as an alternate for one year terms ending December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Ms. Berbach nominated Pat Hale as the representative. President Gibson nominated John Donnelly as the alternate. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations. Both appointments carried. Mayor Hale abstained.

Downtown Tipp City Partnership

A motion to appoint one (1) council member and one (1) staff representative to the Downtown Tipp City Partnership for one year terms ending December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Mr. Kessler nominated Carrie Arblaster. Ms. Berbach nominated Tim Eggleston. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on the nominations. Both appointments were unanimous.

Miami County Council

A motion to appoint one (1) council member to the Miami County Council for a one year term expiring December 31, 2016. President Gibson stated the floor was open to nominations. Ms. Berbach nominated President Gibson. President Gibson stated all Council Members have been afforded the opportunity to be heard and the floor is now closed to nominations. President Gibson called for these nominations to be voted upon as a slate. A vote was taken on President Gibson's nomination. President Gibson's appointment carried. Votes were 6-0-1. President Gibson abstained.

Comprehensive Master Development

A motion appointing 7 members to a steering committee for the Comprehensive Master Development Plan. Mr. Kessler moved to table this motion until further information was available and to discuss at the next Study Session. President Gibson seconded. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

There were none.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were none.

Councilmember Comments

Mr. Kessler welcomed Ms. Arblaster and Mr. Merritt to Council. Adding, "It is an exciting time. It's a rollercoaster, but you will enjoy it". Mr. Kessler continued, "With the new year, I hope Council keeps moving forward like they have been".

Ms. Arblaster stated, "I am incredibly excited to be here for my first term and I look forward to serving the City well, and I hope the residents and their families had a wonderful holiday".

Mr. Merritt stated he too was excited about serving on Council. Mr. Merritt thanked Judge Gutmann for taking time to swear in the new Council Members. "That was good of her. I would also like to wish everyone well for 2016 and a happy and healthy new year. The newness of something sometimes is exciting itself. With the new year, and the new opportunity to serve the community, it is exciting for me for this opportunity".

Mr. Owen also welcomed Tom and Carrie to Council. "Both of you bring a lot to the table, so congratulations. The steps that it takes to get here, it is a long and bumpy road with a lot of walking. Congratulations again. It is fun like John said. You are in for a roller coaster, but you can ride with your hands up if you like". Mr. Owen also thanked those who were appointed to the various boards and commissions for their willingness to serve.

Ms. Berbach also welcomed the new Council Members. "As everyone has said, you will have your ups and downs". Ms. Berbach asked to be excused from the next meeting. Ms. Berbach stated she hoped everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ms. Berbach also thanked all of the board members who volunteered and who help in serving the City.

Mayor Hale also thanked those who volunteer to sit on the various boards. Mayor Hale encouraged anyone who is interesting in serving to complete an application. Mayor Hale also congratulated Carrie and Tom. "I look forward to working with both of you over the next couple of years. Thank you to John for being willing to step back up and go through this for another four years. Congratulations to Mr. Gibson for being elected again as President of Council. Thank you to the other members of Council for being to support me as Mayor for the next two years. I so appreciate it and will try to handle it humbly. I think that's best that anyone can do it. To do it humbly and to be there for people, be supportive and to make it to as many events as I can as Mayor. I thank you much".

President Gibson also congratulated Carrie, Tom and John and wished them all the best of luck. "Continued success and welcome aboard! I look forward to working with you all. Feel free to speak up or do what you need to do. You will enjoy it, as many trying times as there might be, there is also a lot of satisfaction serving your community. Along those lines, I want to thank Council for the fate they placed in me. In selecting me for another term as your Council President. It is really hard to express the honor that I feel for this. I greatly appreciate it. Special thanks needs to go to Mayor Hale. As I mentioned in the previous meeting, he was a very valuable resource for me. From everything to custom and usage to what was done in the past etc. It has been a pleasure to have been Council President in large part of my counter-part, Mayor Hale, has been instrumental in a lot of stuff, he makes a great Mayor and I am very pleased to see that he has been re-elected. Congratulations to that. Thank you again and I look forward to working with you for another two years. I wish everyone a good 2016 as well. This winter is also the gala season. A lot of the groups and organizations will have their annual dinners. Whether it is the Downtown Partnership, or Tipp-Monroe Community Services. It provides a good opportunity for you to see everything they have done. Keep your ears open to that. Ask around about those worthy groups because it is good to go to those organizations and dinners as well. To echo the sentiment of everyone else, to those that were appointed, congratulations and thank you for your service to the community. If you applied for a certain board and you did not get appointed, I would call on everyone to not be discouraged, and to keep trying. Check out the City's website and make the appropriate calls. That would include other boards and commissions. If you tried for the Parks Board and you didn't get in, there might be an opening on the Planning Board or the Tree Board or something. Keep you options open when it comes to serving the City. Stay in touch. To those that are out there thinking about applying for these board positions, please do so because we do still have a few openings. We would love to have you. Please be in touch about that as well. President Gibson stated prior to turning things over to Mr. Eggleston he wanted to remind everyone that these proceedings have been recorded and will be rebroadcast for the next two weeks on the local cable access station. In this area it is channel 5 of the Time Warner cable lineup. You can also download videos of this meeting as well as that of the School Board and the

**City Manager
Comments**

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Mr. Eggleston stated work continues on CR25A, while the Northbound lane is open, motorists do need to be cautious. Manhole covers are sticking up by a few inches and could present problems.

The bid documents for the 2016 asphalt and sidewalk programs are being prepared for the upcoming construction season.

"I am also looking forward to working with the new Council Members as well as the existing. If you need anything, please feel free to email me or contact me and we will take care of anything that you might need".

Mr. Kessler inquired if the northbound lane of CR25A was open to any north bound traffic or just the residents. Mr. Eggleston replied, "As far as I know it has been opened for everything. We are still trying to have the detour for the bigger trucks". Mr. Kessler wanted to confirm. "We don't have a problem with anyone other than a resident coming through". Mr. Eggleston stated, "No, it is opened to everybody at this point and time. Anybody coming out of the subdivision can go northbound. We will continue to monitor speed through the area".

Adjournment

Ms. Berbach moved to adjourn. Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Joseph Gibson, President of Council

Attest: _____
Janice Bates, Clerk of Council



